

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF HURLOCK WORK SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2012

7:05 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Spratt. Roll call was taken, those present were Councilmen Adams, Cephas, Durham and Henry, and also in attendance were Mayor Spratt, Attorney Vinson and Clerk Avery.

Councilman Cephas spoke on the fact that Councilman Nordstrom not being present that he could not discuss his concerns at this meeting. Discussion moved to the frequency of the Town Meetings. The idea was proposed to make the second meeting of the month an open work session with the first meeting being a regular open meeting. Councilman Durham recommended that the public be aware that the Council is working at two sessions a month. There was a consensus to vote on that idea at the next open meeting.

Clerk Avery introduced a draft form for hardship exemption of the Bay Fee. The draft will have to be submitted to MDE for approval. Councilman Durham stated that it would very difficult for the home owners to be eligible. After further discussion it was determined that a resolution would be done adopting the draft and to submit it to MDE for approval. The resolution is to be voted on at the next open meeting.

Clerk Avery described the savings for the alternate electric power source. The Town will save about \$12,000 annually. There was brief discussion regarding the proposed solar facility at the waste water plant.

Discussion moved to concerns that Councilman Cephas has regarding the removal of Council health care benefits. He felt that he should be grandfathered in to receive those benefits because of his 12 years of service to the Town. Councilman Cephas spoke on his concerns of Attorney Vinson's resignation, his concern was that the Attorney was forced or pressured into resigning. The Mayor spoke that nothing had been done to pressure Mr. Vinson's retiring. Councilman Cephas stated that he thought that Mr. Vinson was pressured to resign. Mr. Vinson stated that he was under no pressure to resign; the resignation was due to health issues only.

Councilman Cephas stated that the Council should make right what has been taken away from him. He also stated that he was concerned about the allegations that Clerk Clough had sent to the Attorney General regarding his taking Town funds. He said that funds for restaurants were reimbursed from his pay. He also asked Attorney Vinson to not retire until a new Attorney has been hired. Mr. Vinson stated that the time has come for him to retire and it will be effective December 31, 2012.

Following a motion by Councilman Cephas, seconded by Durham the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted;



John Avery
Clerk/Treasurer